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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

College Students

Description

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide more than \$100 billion in education funding, making college and secondary education more affordable. The measure includes:

- \$200 million for the College Work Study Program, which supports low and moderate income students who work while in school. Those funds would have to be matched with 25% non-federal funds. Colleges and universities would also be required to use at least 7% of their allocation for payments to students employed in community service activities.
- \$15.6 billion for Pell Grants, which provide need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Under the measure, the maximum Pell Grant would increase by \$500, to \$4,860 from \$4,360 for the 2009 – 2010 academic year. When these funds are combined with the mandatory funding authorized and appropriated by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which increased the maximum award by \$490, the maximum Pell award would be \$5,350. The Pell Grant program serves an estimated 7 million low and moderate-income young people and adults.
- \$13.8 billion to boost the tuition tax credit from \$1,800 to \$2,500 for families earning up to \$180,000. (For more information, see our College Tax Credit information sheet.)

Questions on eligibility

To apply for Work Study or the Pell Grant students must submit a FAFSA application. To obtain information on eligibility, please contact your university or college financial aid office. More information can also be found by visiting www.ed.gov.